

INDICT PERKINS AND CORTELYOU

Jerome Thus Addresses
Grand Jury Adding
Bliss to List.

CHARGES AGAINST M'CURDY PUBLISHED

Mutual Life Demands \$3,370-
341.66 Damages From Former
President, Alleging Un-
faithfulness and Neg-
lect—Opinion
Rendered.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 23.—If the grand jury, which is investigating some of the conditions developed by the recent legislative investigation, reaches the conclusion that contributions of insurance companies' funds to political campaign committees were made with intent to deprive or defraud the true owner of his property, it must find that larceny was committed.
This opinion was expressed to-day by Justice O'Sullivan in the Court of General Sessions, in answer to a presentment on the subject submitted to him by the grand jurors. Judge O'Sullivan added that it is not within the province of the court to say whether or not there was intent. That is a question which the jurors must determine themselves from all the facts and circumstances in the case.
He charged the jury to make a thorough investigation into all the facts and to place the responsibility for such crimes, if they find that crimes were committed.
"You are not to go seeking for shelter as an excuse to avoid an unpleasant duty," he said.

Would Indict Them.

This opinion is, in effect, directly opposite to one upon the same subject which was given by District Attorney Jerome Bliss, who, in a letter to the grand jury, declared that the question whether there was intent is a question which is yet to be determined.
Mr. Jerome was in court to-day, and when Judge O'Sullivan had delivered his opinion the district attorney asked the grand jury to remain, as he desired to address them upon the subject in question.
He declared that Judge O'Sullivan had misconstrued the subject which he had considered, and that he held to the opinion that it would be the duty of the grand jury to return indictments against George W. Perkins, former vice-president of the New York Life Insurance Company, for larceny and against George B. Cortelyou, chairman, and Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican National Committee, as receivers of stolen goods.
Mr. Jerome informed Judge O'Sullivan that if he would sit as a magistrate he would submit affidavits to the acts committed by George W. Perkins and would ask for a warrant for his arrest. He added that in event of such a warrant being issued a writ of habeas corpus would follow, as the case would be taken to the highest court, where the district attorney would retain Alton H. Parker as special counsel. Judge O'Sullivan declined to grant the warrant, giving as his reason that the question at issue should be passed upon by the grand jury.

COMPANY DEMANDS \$3,370.341 DAMAGES

First Complaint in Series of Eight
Actions Against McCurdy
Made Public.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 23.—The first complaint in a series of eight actions already begun by the Mutual Life Insurance Company against former President Richard A. McCurdy, his son, Robert H., and the firm of Charles H. Raymond & Co., the company's former metropolitan agents, was made public to-day. This particular complaint is against former President McCurdy and contains a demand of \$3,370.341.66 in damages. Mr. McCurdy is charged with the waste of large sums of money belonging to the company, through alleged unfaithfulness and neglect in the discharge of his duties. Damages amounting to three and a quarter million dollars are demanded.
The first five causes seek recovery in the aggregate of \$250,000 as alleged contributions to political parties since 1886.
The complaint against these payments, already "unlawful and improper," were authorized and permitted by Mr. McCurdy through "want of ordinary care and diligence."
Unfaithfulness and Neglect
The sixth cause seeks to recover the sum of \$225,000, embracing the \$80,000 alleged increase of annual salary drawn by the former president since June 1, 1901, without authority, and charges that the seventh cause seeks to recover \$200,000 as the aggregate of the respective sums of \$25,000 drawn quarterly from the company for the last six years of Mr. McCurdy's presidency on the vouchers of the committee on expenditures.
The final cause of action demands the sum of \$1,282,841 received by Robert H. McCurdy as commissions from 1880 to 1901, for his services as president of the company, and charges that the former president rendered exorbitant and unnecessary. Finally the company demands judgment against ex-President McCurdy for the sum of \$3,370,341.66, with interest, as damages for alleged unfaithfulness and neglect.
Pattison Slightly Better.
(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 23.—A slight improvement was reported this evening in Governor Pattison's condition. The physicians still refuse to discuss the Governor's condition, but it was reported to-night that the Governor is sustained by the administration of oxygen, but this was denied.

TRAGIC RESULT OF ROCK BATTLE

Arthur Godfrey Shot and
Severely Injured by
Andrew Krouse.

BASEBALL GAME TURNS TO FIGHT

Decision of Umpire Was Electric
Spark That Started the Ex-
plosion—Young Godfrey
Taken to Hospital
While Krouse is
Arrested.

Arthur Lee Godfrey, fourteen years old, was shot and seriously wounded late yesterday afternoon by Andrew Krouse, the thirteen-year-old son of former Policeman James C. Krouse.
The wounded boy was taken immediately to the City Hospital in the ambulance, and sixty No. 6 shot were taken from his back, neck and head. While his wounds are very serious, they are not necessarily fatal.
Young Krouse was hailed by Judge Witt of the Hustings Court in the sum of \$500 for his appearance in the Police Court this morning. Mr. Andrew Krouse, grandfather of the boy, became surety for his appearance in court.
The trouble between the two boys was the direct result of a quarrel in a baseball game played on a vacant lot in Lee District yesterday afternoon. A decision by the umpire gave dissatisfaction to the team on which young Krouse was playing.
The two boys quarreled, and the ball was thrown away by one of the players. This ended the baseball game for the afternoon, and then the young fellows lined up against each other for a rock battle. Stones flew thick and fast, and young Krouse, with two or three of his companions, were getting the worst of the battle.
A son of Mr. W. J. Kimbrough, it is said, was with the boy who did the shooting, and young Kimbrough went into his home on Park Avenue and brought out a single-barreled shotgun. He gave the weapon to the Krouse boy, who immediately pointed it in the direction of the crowd of boys who were throwing rocks in his direction, and pulled the trigger.
Lad's Mother Fainted.
The shot was small and scattered considerably before it reached young Godfrey. But sixty of them penetrated the boy's back and neck and head. He was unconscious for some time, and the ambulance was called at once. Dr. Turman responding promptly and doing what was necessary to relieve the boy's suffering.
After firing at Godfrey the Krouse boy started on a run for his home, at No. 225 West Clay Street. Rushing into the house he told his mother that he had shot a boy, and that he didn't know whether or not his victim was dead.
Mrs. Krouse is of a very nervous temperament, and at once fainted. She was prostrated for several hours, and it required the attention of a physician to quiet her.
Mr. James C. Krouse, father of the boy who did the shooting, was for a number of years an officer in the police department, and knew at once that his son would have to be arrested. He gave Officer Halton Amos, who was assigned to his son, the key to the Second Police Station, and there waited until Judge Witt could be communicated with.
Every one who was in any way connected with the shooting regretted the affair, and all were of the opinion that it was the act of a child, who did not realize what he was doing.
Officer Amos last night summoned about twenty boys to testify in the case. He was out until early this morning serving the summonses.

COMPANY TO BUY COAL LANDS IN WEST VIRGINIA

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, March 23.—The New River Coal Company, which is to acquire control of about 30,000 acres of coal lands in West Virginia, will be incorporated in the near future under the laws of the State of Maryland. The company will have a capital stock of \$3,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares of \$30 each. The company is owned by C. J. Wittenberg, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal and Coke Company, will become president of the new concern.
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WILL CONTEST LOCAL OPTION ELECTION

Contend That Over Three Hun-
dred Had No Legal Right to
Vote.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., March 23.—The Winchester branch of the Anti-Saloon League met late this afternoon to consider the matter of contesting on legal grounds the special local option election, which resulted in fifty-one majority for the saloon men yesterday. The meeting lasted several hours, and was held behind closed doors in Lawyer Robert M. Ward's office. Only members were permitted to attend. After the meeting it was announced that no definite decision had been reached, but a prominent man who was present stated that the election would likely be contested on the grounds that many of the over three hundred men who were allowed by Corporation Court Judge William M. Atkinson to qualify and vote had no legal right to do so.
Police Justice Wilson to-day called into court the men for whom warrants were issued yesterday in connection with an exciting free fight at the First Ward precinct, during which Morgan Anderson claimed he was assaulted. Byrd Fugitt and ex-Policeman John Massey, who admitted they struck Anderson, got off with a two dollar and fifty cent fine each, and Thomas Conner and Albert Curl were dismissed.



TO BEAT THE DREADNAUGHT!

SHOT 9, SET HOUSE AFIRE AT FUNERAL

Maniac Fatally Injured Brother
and Brother-in-Law and
Died in Flames.

USED PISTOL AND SHOTGUN

Remains of Child Removed From
House Before Fire Reached
Them.

(By Associated Press.)
BALTIMORE, MD., March 23.—Brooklyn, Anne Arundel county, just across the Patuxent River from this city, is horrified to-night over the deeds and death of Walter Potee, an insane man twenty-eight years old, who, entering his brother's house just as friends and relatives were gathering to attend the funeral of the brother's little child, opened fire with a revolver, set fire to the house and himself died from gunshot wounds, but whether self-inflicted is not known.
Potee entered the room and began fire so entirely unexpectedly that several persons were wounded before they could escape. Nine people were injured more or less seriously by his shots from revolvers and a repeating shotgun. Of these a brother, John H. Potee, and William H. Miller, a brother-in-law, are likely to die.
The crazy man found time between shots to sprinkle oil about the house and set fire to it. From the flames, which this city finally extinguished the flames, but not before the building had been almost gutted. On the second floor was found the body of the maniac, badly burned about the waist and with a gaping shot wound over the heart.
Bystanders had fired at him repeatedly, but whether one of their shots reached him during the two-hour rampage or he died by his own hand, could only be conjectured. Potee is said to have shown evidences of insanity for six or eight months past. The body of the child was removed before the fire reached it.

MOTHER AND GIRL DIE IN EACH OTHERS ARMS

Woman Carefully Prepared to
End Life and Took Child With
Her to Death

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 23.—Clasped in each other's arms, Mrs. Harry B. Moore, aged forty years, and her seven-year-old daughter, Thelma, were to-night found dead in bed at their home at 533 North Allison Street, West Philadelphia, death having been due to asphyxiation by illuminating gas. There was every indication found that the woman had carefully prepared to end her life and had taken the little girl with her unto death. The police have been unable to find a motive for the deed. The woman's husband, who is said to be an assistant engineer on a tramp steamer, is at sea, and the neighbors know little of the family.
Blew His Head Off.
(By Associated Press.)
HAZELTON, PA., March 23.—Herman Reckling, of West Hazleton, committed suicide to-day in a horrible manner. He tied a stick of dynamite about his neck and struck it with a hammer. Reckling's head was torn into shreds.

FIRMS VIOLATE SHIPPING LAWS

Many of Them Notoriously Dis-
honest, General Inspector
Declares.

IMPORTANT HEARING BEGINS

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 23.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission began an important hearing to-day on the reported under-billing and misrepresentation of freight by shippers in New York and other Eastern points.
Chairman Martin A. Knapp and Commissioners J. C. Clements and C. A. Prouty were present when the hearing began. P. J. Farrell, the attorney for the commission, conducted the inquiry. He called as the first witness, Robert G. Stevenson, a general inspector of the Trunk Line Association in the territory of New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, as well as the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia. Inspector Stevenson enumerated the various inspection bureaus at the different cities throughout the territory under his jurisdiction.
Mr. Stevenson said that in one month they had a total of 3,400 false classifications. He declared that many large and prominent firms had habitually persisted in and constantly violated regulations. In answer to questions he said that while the majority of shippers might be honest, a great many prominent ones, who were notoriously dishonest.

Panic in Theatre.

(By Associated Press.)
ELMIRA, N. Y., March 23.—Several hundred people were thrown into a panic at a theatre in Wellsville this afternoon, where a moving picture exhibition was being given, when the theatre caught fire from defective wiring. The house was quickly filled with smoke, the curtains and scenery burning. The exits were quickly thrown open and the ushers and a handful who kept their heads succeeded in getting all the children out.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair in north, snow or rain in south portion; Saturday and Sunday; fresh east winds.
North Carolina—Rain Saturday and probably Sunday; fresh northeast winds.
Conditions Yesterday.
Richmond weather was cold and partly cloudy. Range of the thermometer:
9 A. M. 33 6 P. M. 43
12 M. 39 9 P. M. 39
3 P. M. 40 12 midnight 35
(Average) 38 1-6
Highest temperature yesterday 42
Lowest temperature yesterday 29
Mean temperature yesterday 35.5
Normal temperature for March 49
Departure from normal temperature 13.5

Thermometer This Day Last Year

9 A. M. 45 6 P. M. 55
12 M. 60 9 P. M. 58
3 P. M. 65 12 midnight 50
(Average) 55 2-3

Conditions in Important Cities.

Place	Ther.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Alexandria, N. C.	48	56	40	Rain
Augusta	63	70	50	Cloudy
Atlanta, Ga.	62	69	50	P. clear
Charlotte	64	71	51	Rain
Chicago, Ill.	56	62	40	Cloudy
Hartford, C. Conn.	44	50	36	Clear
Jacksonville	64	70	50	Clear
Key West, Fla.	70	75	60	P. cloudy
Mobile	64	69	50	Clear
Norfolk, Va.	44	50	36	Cloudy
Pittsburg	54	60	40	P. cloudy
Raleigh	50	56	40	Clear
Savannah	54	60	40	Clear
St. Louis	64	70	50	Clear
Washington	44	50	36	Clear
Wilmington	48	54	40	Cloudy

Miniature Almanac.

March 23, 1906.
Sun rises 6:10
Sun sets 6:52
Moon rises 5:42
Moon sets 4:30
Tide: Morning 3:40
Evening 4:30

CALLS ON CHURCH TO STAND BY HIM

Accused of Preaching
False Doctrine.—Dr.
Dudley's Sensation

LAWYER WANTED A PUBLIC DEBATE

Mr. J. L. Shelton, Former Member
of Legislature, Challenges
Minister, Who Has Been
Holding Remarkable
Revival at Pine
Street Church.

One of the most remarkable sensations ever sprung before a Richmond church congregation occurred Thursday night, when Rev. E. E. Dudley, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., replied from the pulpit to a letter from Mr. James Lee Shelton, a lawyer of this city and a former member of the Legislature, challenging him to a public debate concerning the Christadelphian and Baptist doctrines. Leaning forward in the pulpit, before a breathless congregation, Dr. Dudley said with ringing emphasis:
"You are supposed to have read law and to be thoroughly posted in law. I have read some law, but do not claim to be thoroughly posted in that branch of knowledge. Were I to engage in a public debate with you, the people would brand me as a fool. I have read theology and have taken a thorough course in theology. Were you, a lawyer, to engage with me in debate on theology, what would the people brand you?"
As he uttered these words a stenographer employed by Mr. Shelton, sitting in the congregation, was taking down every word that fell from the lips of the preacher, all the while shaking his head with stern and vigorous dissent. The stenographic report was supposed to give Mr. Shelton notice should Dr. Dudley consent to engage in the public debate.

Preach False Doctrine.

But not less surprising and sensational was the first letter which Dr. Dudley received, and his stirring, ringing reply, from the pulpit. As far as Dr. Dudley read, the letter was worded: "Dear Brother Dudley, I heard you preach Sunday night a great sermon. The illustration you gave of the parable of the fig tree, Christ before Pilate and Christ crucified, surpassed anything I ever heard. But I was sorry to hear you preach so much false doctrine about an eternal hell." Throwing the rest of the eight-page letter into the fire, Dr. Dudley laid his hand on the Bible and facing the congregation on tip-toe, called on all who believed that he had preached according to its teachings to rise to their feet. Almost with one accord the congregation, nearly to a man, rose to its feet.

"Now take your seats," he exclaimed, "and let every man who believes that I have not preached according to the word of God rise before me."
Perfect stillness reigned throughout the room, and not a soul stirred from the seat. Then all the suppressed fire in the speaker broke out, and the words rushed from his lips:
"Yes, you rascally traducers, you rail at me behind my back, but you dare not stand up before me and repeat your words to my face!"
The congregation waited with breathless suspense, and then Dr. Dudley went on with his sermon.
Dr. Dudley has received several letters of a like nature. Two of them, since the receipt of the first, part of which is printed above, were challenges, one of which was from Mr. Shelton and the other from Mr. G. B. Taylor, a groceryman, of 226 West Cary Street, and the pastor of those who adhere to the Christadelphian doctrine. Another letter from Mr. Shelton threatened to publish all the latter's correspondence, if Dr. Dudley declined to commit himself.

RUSSIA DISTRACTED BY CRIME AND FAMINE

Peasants in North Attacking Proprietors—Daily Murders and Robberies.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—Lawlessness and crime are keeping pace in Russia with the repressive measures of the government. Columns of the newspapers are daily filled with records of murders and robberies, and side by side are brief chronicles of condemnations and military executions of political offenders. The majority of the robberies and assassinations are of a political nature, and everywhere the revolutionaries are fighting the repressors with bombs and revolvers.
The spirit of lawlessness has penetrated north, which part of the country is still snow-bound. The peasants of the Northern Volga Province, on the road to Archangel, are driving off the proprietors. They fought a battle near Yaroslavl with a detachment of a hundred and thirty Cossacks, were defeated and left a number of dead on the field. On the other hand, near Bielsk, in Novgorod Province, the peasants were victorious in a fight with forest guards, forcing the latter to retreat.
At Lodz, Poland, eight thousand men are locked out, and in all the principal cities hundreds, if not thousands, of men are without work and are walking the streets, begging for food.

COMMITTEE HEAR PEOPLE'S VOICE

No Opposition to the Pri-
mary and Date Fixed
for April 26th.

SECRET SESSION MATTER DEFERRED

Will Be Determined at Meeting to
Be Held Two Weeks Later.
Assessments Are Laid
Upon Candidates.
No Sena-
tions.

Primary for nomination of Councilmen, Aldermen and City Treasurer, Thursday, April 26th.
Assessments for Councilmen, \$10; Aldermen, \$15; Treasurer, \$250.
Action on secret session proposition postponed until next meeting, Friday evening, April 6th.
Briefly told above is the story of the meeting of the City Democratic Committee, held at Murphy's Hotel last night, to consider questions of grave import to the Democratic organization of the city. The matter of holding a primary for the nomination of municipal officers, to be chosen at the June election, was not debated, nor was there a single vote in opposition, after all that has been written and spoken on the subject. The party representatives walked up like men and did the usual thing, ordering that the long prevailing system should be observed. If there was ever serious opposition to the holding of municipal primaries in Richmond, it did not show itself in the committee, but the members responded by their votes to what is generally believed to be the known wishes of the great mass of Democratic voters.
Discussed But Deferred.
The question of secret sessions was deferred for two weeks and will according to strong leaders, never be adopted. There was a good deal of incidental talk concerning the matter, though it did not come up directly upon its merits. The report of the Rules Committee, providing for secret sessions, was passed by until the next meeting, but Mr. Jeffrey Montague, a member of the body from Montross Ward, and a representative of the local press, offered a resolution to inquire into any alleged breaches of confidence on the part of newspaper men with the committee, which might call for the exclusion of the former from the sessions of the body. This was tabled on motion of Mr. Duke, the secretary, who is also a member of the Committee on Rules, signing the report for secret sessions. Mr. Duke then rather objected to letting the press have a copy of the resolution, on the ground that it had been ruled, but Chairman Doherty promptly tabled it, and gave it out.

Called to Order.

Chairman Doherty called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock, and more than a quorum of members responded to the names.
The chair announced the following standing committees:
Executive Committee—West, Bargamin, Walsh, Fagen, McGuire, Phillips, Munford.
Finance Committee—Saunders, Davis, Tyler, Hicks, Sharp, Montague, Pollock.
Finance Committee—Carrington, Shea, Shield, Steiner, Browning, Rosendorf, Evans (Marshall).
Auditors—Evans (Henry), Connolly, Capers, Stone, Shea, Bowman, Duke (Marshall).
Printing—Hicks, Saunders, Duke (Henry).
The chair appointed the Monroe Ward delegation a committee to draft suitable resolutions concerning the death of Mr. James Bahen, Jr., late a member of the committee.
Mr. Duke presented the report of the Rules Committee, and Mr. Saunders moved that it be printed, in order that the members might know what they were voting upon. This motion was carried, and "secret session" matter went over until the next meeting.

Tribute to Mr. Bahen.

Dr. Carrington wanted the report read, and Mr. Duke advised the member from Monroe Ward to read the newspapers for information. Mr. Montague, from the committee to draw resolutions respecting the death of Mr. Jas. Bahen, Jr., presented his report, which was adopted, and which follows:
"Whereas, The City Democratic Committee has in the presence and services of James Bahen, Jr., of the delegation from Monroe Ward,
1. "Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Bahen we have lost a good friend and a counsellor whose place will not easily be filled.
2. "That we hereby extend to the family of our deceased friend an expression of our sympathy at this time.
3. "That the secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of Mr. Bahen; and that the newspapers be requested to publish these resolutions."

Primary Wins.

Mr. Saunders offered a resolution to hold a primary for the nomination of Councilmen, aldermen and city treasurer on April 26th. Mr. Duke moved to amend by striking out April 26th and inserting May 1st. Mr. Doherty (Mr. Saunders in the chair) advocated the amendment, and Mr. Saunders moved a compromise that the date be made April 26th. The latter proposition was adopted. On motion of Mr. Saunders the Plans and Finance Committee were instructed to make their report concerning the election of the primary at the next meeting. Mr. Montague offered the following resolution:
"Resolved, That a committee of five, including the chairman, shall be appointed to investigate, between now and the next regular meeting of this body, alleged breaches of confidence upon the part of newspaper reporters in relation to the City Democratic Committee. Any reporter found by said committee to have broken faith with this body or any of its officers, shall be excluded from the meetings of this body, and shall be liable to legal action."